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Ignorance of our misfortunes is clear gain.
—Euripides.

HAVE YOU AN IDEA

How did you like the 1914 Mid-Pacific Carnival? Have you any suggestions to make for improvements that may be observed in the future?

These are questions for which the Promotion Committee and the Carnival management would like to get answers from anyone with an idea. What is needed is criticism of the constructive kind. Mere "kicks" are useless. If you have a suggestion of any sort the Star-Bulletin will be glad to print it providing the name of the author is given for publication. Send in your suggestion before Saturday, if possible.

BRING THE SWIMMERS HERE

The plan to bring the three fastest swimmers in the world—Duke Kahanamoku, Bob Small and A. Wickham—together in Honolulu on Kamehameha Day, June 11, should by all means be carried out.

It was after the great success of the last Kamehameha Day swimming races that the Star-Bulletin suggested the idea of bringing the Coast swimmers here for the Mid-Pacific Carnival contests. The idea was taken up with immediate success and the recent visit of the San Franciscans and their splendid showing increased an already tremendous popular interest in this typical Hawaiian sport.

Bob Small, the sinewy athlete of Pittsburg and San Francisco, the man who defeated Duke at fifty yards and tied the world's record, is more than willing to return and give the Hawaiian champion a chance to redeem his laurels. Wickham is an Australian, and it was he who established the record of 23 3/4 seconds that Small equalled last Saturday. If negotiations are begun now, it is quite possible that Wickham will come here for the races on June 11.

In a space of a little more than two years Honolulu has come to be the focus of interest in the swimming world. Duke's wonderful exploits have fairly gained him the right to the world's sprint championship and he has shown that he has remarkable endurance and power to "repeat," as the athletic experts say.

Home people and tourists alike are aquatic enthusiasts. The big event proposed for June 11 would undoubtedly attract a record-breaking crowd. It would increase an already high interest in this clean sport. The local A. A. U. officials, the Promotion Committee and the Ad Club might well cooperate in taking up the scheme and seeing if Mr. Small and Mr. Wickham will accept an invitation to come here for Kamehameha Day.

TEACHING AGRICULTURE IN MANY STATES

In 19 states teachers are required to pass an examination in agriculture before receiving a certificate. In order to afford the teachers a means of preparing to meet the requirement many schools have instituted agricultural courses.

The number of institutions giving agricultural instruction increased in the United States from 863 in 1910, to 3575 in 1912. This was a yearly increase of 856. If the same rate of increase has been maintained during the last two years, as there is reason to believe, there are now 4287 schools that impart agricultural education to teachers.

The entire number of schools teaching the subject of agriculture is vastly greater than the foregoing numbers. In fact there are but few schools except the strictly professional and the technical, that do not teach it in some form and to some extent. The marvelous growth of this branch of instruction is perhaps the most remarkable step in the history of education.

The establishment of the College of Hawaii, the increased interest in Hawaii's secondary industrial schools, and the rapid progress with vocational education in the elementary schools of this territory are all phases of this great and world-wide movement.

LOOKING AHEAD

Much of the success of the 1914 Mid-Pacific Carnival was due to the fact that it was planned a long time ahead. Director-general Dougherty was appointed a few months after the 1913 Carnival. The Promotion Committee should adopt the same advantageous course for the 1915 Carnival. If possible its director should be named

before June 1. He in turn should appoint the heads of his committees as soon thereafter as possible. The staging of such a feature as "The Wooing of Umi and Piikea," for instance, requires not only weeks of rehearsal but months of previous delving into the archives and traditions of old Hawaii and of assembling costumes, canoes and the many other accessories. Careful advance planning must be done in the way of seating accommodations. Hawaii's annual Carnival has grown almost overnight to the point where it is a great business undertaking, and those placed in charge must be given plenty of time to exercise business foresight and acumen. The good results of the 1914 event were due primarily to recognition of the business principles involved and an effort to organize a ten days' succession of features on a business basis. If Director-general Dougherty would accept the post for another year, the 1915 Carnival would be off to a flying start. In any event, the director for next year should be secured without delay.

TREASURY IS FEELING IT

Some of the Democrats assert that the effect of the tariff reduction has not yet been felt. For their benefit the following Washington dispatch is reprinted:

Washington, Feb. 14.—That the treasury general fund is steadily shrinking under the Democratic tariff bill was shown when today's general fund statement for the first time in the Wilson administration fell below the \$100,000,000 mark. For months past the general fund has been showing a deficit of about \$500,000 per day.

Revision of the treasury fund downwards will probably be one effect of the Democratic administration for which Bourbons will not hastily claim credit.

DO YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT GOOD ROADS?

At the Library of Hawaii tonight there will be given an address on "Roads" that every Honolulu interested in this subject—and who is not?—should hear. Mr. H. M. Dougherty, construction superintendent for the J. G. White Engineering Company, is the speaker. The general public is invited to attend, and judging by the interesting talks that have been given under the auspices of the Hawaiian Engineering Association, tonight's program should be well worth while. Eight o'clock is the time.

In federal court last Tuesday a woman who has been operating a notorious "booze joint" near Schofield Barracks was given a prison sentence of a year and a day and fined \$250. The severity of the sentence, which was pronounced by Judge C. F. Clemons, has met with general approval. Beyond the fact that the woman had been selling liquor without paying the federal tax, the resort was the kind that should be stamped out.

Manager Renton's report shows that the closest possible management is necessary for Ewa plantation to weather the tempestuous industrial weather coming under free sugar. As for plantations in less advantageous position, physically and financially, what is their future? That is the serious question.

Charles P. Taft declines to sell his interest in the Chicago National League baseball club. Chances are that his Mexican holdings aren't bringing in much of an income and he needs that baseball stock.

Is Christy Mathewson going to jump to the Feds? Until this question is settled, it's going to be difficult to keep up popular interest in the suffragettes and the Mexican imbroglio.

Senator Borah is the latest to swat the monopolies. It is a mild and harmless form of exercise quite popular in the best Washington circles these days.

Anyway, that Portland Steamship Company is getting plenty of publicity on a \$10,000 capitalization.

Oahu was once submerged, says a noted geologist. Republicans will fix the date quite readily as about November 5, 1912.

Bob Small is too good a swimmer to live in San Francisco. He ought to stay in Honolulu.

Admiral von Diederichs has either talked too much or not enough.

Why not get Huerta to resign and go on the Chantauqua circuit?

Letters of TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

THE MEN ON THE CARS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Sir: An article appeared in the Advertiser on the 23rd which praises the management and officials of the H. R. T. & L. Co. for the splendid manner in which they conducted the street car service during the Carnival week. This no one can deny. The men at the head of this company went to the utmost extreme and they did remarkably well in handling the great multitudes of people throughout the week safely and with scarcely an accident. Perhaps it did not occur to the writer that the price was eternal vigilance on the part of the men who operated the cars and who made it possible for the company to give the service it did. Perhaps he never thought of the men who stood on the platform 16 and 18 hours a day without ever leaving their cars, who left their cars at midnight and started again at daybreak. These were the men who struggled and strained every nerve to carry the great crowds safely to their destinations. They were glad and willing to do this. And yet never a word of praise have they received from press or public for their efforts in giving the people and the company the best that was in them. The least that could be done is to mention these 140 men who for the most part get a sour look for efforts.
BY ONE OF THEM.

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC BUSINESS IN A GOOD CONDITION

During Past Year Extensive Improvements Were Made and Rates Reduced

The Hawaiian Electric Company held its annual stockholders' meeting yesterday afternoon and elected the following directors and officers: R. A. Cooke, president; F. W. Macfarlane, vice-president; F. C. Atherton, treasurer; C. H. Cooke, secretary; directors: C. H. Atherton, Richard Ivers and H. M. von Holt.

In his report for the year, Manager F. E. Blake showed that the affairs of the company are in a very satisfactory condition, both from the financial standpoint and from the character of the service rendered the public. During the year the rate for current was reduced from 15 cents to 12 1/2 cents per K. W. hour, the minimum meter charge from \$2 to \$1 per month, and the minimum charge for power from \$1 per horsepower to 50 cents per horsepower per month. In spite of these reductions, the revenues for 1913 were in excess of those of 1912 owing to the large increase in number of consumers gained during the year. The consumers numbered at the first of the year, 5891, a gain of 1096 for the year.

During the year the company made improvements costing \$148,871.35, which included a new 2500 K.V.A. turbo-generator with capacity of 65,000 lights, which more than doubled the previous capacity. The cold storage building has been remodeled and promises to be one of the most profitable departments. Ice to the amount of 15,509 tons was manufactured, a gain of 2381 tons, and a gain of 425 ice customers is reported.

Total receipts from light and power for the year 1913, \$351,096.85.

For the year 1912, \$338,999.23.
Average monthly receipts, 1913, \$29,258.07. Average monthly receipts for 1912, \$28,033.25.

Total consumers, Dec. 31, 1913, 5891. Total consumers, Dec. 31, 1912, 4795. Gain for 1913, 1096.

Total connected H. P. in motors Dec. 31, 1913, 3441. For 1912, 2057. Gain in connected H. P. in motors in 1913, 1384.

Total number of lights connected to service Dec. 31, 1913, 81,507, showing an increase for 1912 of 12,311.

The gains in consumers, lights and connected horsepower for the year are the largest in the history of the company.

The gross income of the company for the year amounted to \$317,354.63, with expenditures of \$612,847.70. After deducting \$4554.13 for doubtful ac-

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—D. L. CONKLING: It looks like summer has come.

—CHAS. K. HOPKINS: The more I ponder over the Pinkham reclamation scheme for the Waikiki swamps the more I like it. Why not get busy?

—BRIG-GEN. CLARENCE EDWARDS: Recollections of my last visit to Honolulu are so pleasant that I am looking forward to a delightful tour of duty here.

—MAJ. A. S. CONKLING: The daily reports of the provost guard show that the thousands of soldiers who spent Carnival Week in the city were an orderly and well-behaved lot.

—PAUL SUPER: An extensive program of activities is being prepared by the Y. M. C. A. for the next four months. There is going to be something of interest going on in every department.

—WM. BUSH: If the revolving fund were put to work on the Pinkham canal reclamation scheme for the Waikiki swamps, just think of the possibilities for the Mid-Pacific Carnival to come that this grand little Venice would afford.

—E. A. MOTT-SMITH: The Inter-Island and the Public Utilities Commission are ready for the investigation of the former organization. The initial hearing will be in the form of a public meeting to which all who may be interested are invited.

—TRAVELER: Much has been said of the efficient manner in which the Rapid Transit company handled the crowds during the Carnival—and rightly so. However, a word of praise also is due to the corps of motormen and conductors who worked untiringly to make the good record for the company.

—R. L. HALSEY: The 25th Infantry after camping a week in the immigration station's yard, picked up its tents and departed in an hour yesterday morning. From the appearance of the verdure afterward, one would never have suspected that 1700 men had made their home on the grass for a week or more. That 25th certainly is a regiment to be proud of.

—W. R. FARRINGTON: The non-arrival of Sir Newton Moore this morning was all my fault. In taking the text of Premier Scadden's cable over the 'phone late last evening, I understood the name of the steamship as the Marama. I did not notice the error until I read the cablegram on the wharf this morning. This gives the Ad Club a month to prepare to receive Western Australia's agent-general, and the Makura is due to arrive on an Ad Club luncheon day.

Personal Mention

DR. and MRS. C. A. GOUIN are among the tourists to reach the city this morning in the British steamer Niagara.

E. LEE BROWN and Mrs. Brown were among the arrivals from the mainland in the steamer Niagara this morning. They will remain in Honolulu and the islands for some weeks.

SYDNEY NICHOLSON was a returning passenger in the Canadian-Australasian liner Niagara arriving at Honolulu this morning from the mainland. Owing to ill health he was forced to discontinue his studies and will recuperate in the islands.

J. R. Douglas, son of David Douglas of Ewa, Hawaii, is the author of an article, "Meddling in Mexico," appearing in Brass Tacks, published at the University of California. He epitomizes his views in the closing paragraph: "If we interfere in Mexico, we may succeed in closing up the sore for a time, but unless we have some very fine remedy to offer, it will break out with greater malignancy the minute we leave—unless we stay indefinitely."

counts, and \$28,148.28 from re-valued securities held by the company, a net profit is shown of \$171,968.35. Of this the profit from light and power amounted to \$117,394.64. Dividends amounting to 10 per cent, or \$75,000, were paid, and \$96,968.35 was carried over in surplus.

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MAYOR RETURNS TO WORK TO FIND OFFICE FILLED WITH PEOPLE AFTER JOBS

For the first time in a number of days, Mayor J. J. Fern was in attendance at his office this morning, and he found a veritable problem on his hands the first thing. He found men, women and children, of all ages crowding into his reception room—not to congratulate him on his foot's recovery so much as to importune him for work.

While the mayor has been at his home, watching with growing impatience the slow improvement of his foot, affairs in the city and county, in the matter of the employment of street laborers, have been subjects to a sudden change. It is this change which brought men, women and children to his office and presented the veritable problem for his solution.

Since the retrenchment movement started a fortnight ago, the number of street laborers has been cut down materially. Wherever possible men have been laid off. Only as many as absolutely are necessary have been kept at work. Figures are not given out to show exactly how many men have been thrown out of employment, but it is known that the number is large.

The mayor's office has been besieged for several days with laborers, their wives, children and their relatives, coming in delegations, waiting for his honor, waiting to tell him of the hardships or privations consequent on the head of the family's discharge. Will Miles, secretary to the mayor, undertook to act in their interest in the absence of his honor. He proposed to Lester Peirce, chairman of the roads committee of the board of supervisors, that a scheme be carried out to employ all street laborers in shifts of two weeks each. In that way the unemployed could be given work for two weeks out of the month, and those who now are at work could be laid off half the time. By this arrangement, or compromise, all the laborers would be able to make enough money to keep the wolf away until the city and county has sufficient money available to keep all the men working all the time.

TRUST-BUSTER FROM MINNESOTA EN ROUTE TO HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Frank Billings Kellogg, a prominent attorney of St. Paul, Minn., and famous in eastern political circles as a trust-buster, will arrive in Honolulu Tuesday in the Matsunos and will spend several weeks touring the islands. Mr. Kellogg will join the St. Paul contingent now visiting in this city, and will make his headquarters absolutely at the Moana hotel. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Kellogg.

Mr. Kellogg's political career embraces a wide scope. He was special counsel for the United States in its case against the paper and Standard Oil trusts, and special counsel for the interstate commerce commission in the investigation of the Harriman railroads. In 1904 he was the government delegate to the universal congress of lawyers and jurists held in St. Louis. He was delegate to the Republican national convention in the same year, and in 1904-12 was a member of the Republican national committee from Minnesota.

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